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SUBJ: FO CONFERENCE: SUPPORT FOR FAO SEED PROGRAM

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1. FAO CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION IN PARA
2 BELOW ON THE FAO SEED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. AFTER NEGOTIATIONS
WITH YUGOSLAV SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION, HE AGREED TO QUOTE EXACT
CIEC LANGUAGE IN PREAMBULAR PRAGRPAPH. THIS STILL LEFT
ACTION PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO FAO DOLLARS 20 MILLION PROGRAM.
YUGOSLAVS WERE ADAMANT THAT CIEC HAD AGREED TO DOLLARS 20
MILLION FAO PROGRAM PLUS BILATERAL PROGRAMS AND WOULD NOT OMIT
REFERENCE TO DOLLARS 20 MILLION. COMPROMISE ADDED NEW FIRST
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WHICH CALLS FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF SEEDS. THUS,
WE CAN RESPOND TO RESOLUTION IN EITHER MANNER OR BOTH.
USDEL (BOYLE) IN COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WHEN IT
WAS INTRODUCED, INDICATED THAT THE U.S., THROUGH ITS BILATERAL

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PROGRAM, STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESOLUTION.
HOWEVER, ISSUE IS STILL THERE EVEN IF BURIED IN VERBIAGE AND
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REVIEW OUR POSITION FOR SUBSEQUENT
MEETINGS.

2. BEGIN QUOE: THE CONFERENCE,
RECALLING RESOLUTION XWW OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDING THAT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN RELATION TO THE
FAO PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF SEEDS BE
STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE FURTHER NATIONAL SEED PRODUCTION
AND UTILIZATION EFFORTS, BOTH FOR DOMESTIC USE AND EXPORT,
INCLUDING THE TRAINING OF TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL MANPOWER;

NOTING ALSO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVIOUS FAO CONFERENCES
ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN FAO'S ASSISTANCE IN SEED PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT; APPRECIATING THE PREVIOUS EFFORTS OF THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION IN CONCERT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND BILATERAL DONORS IN PROVIDING EFFECTIVE
ASSISTANCE TO 32 COUNTRIES RESULTING IN THE PRODUCTION OF MORE
THAN 200,000 TONS OF QUALITY SEEDS: THE TRAINING OF OVER 400
TECHNICIANS, FIELD WORKERS AND SEED TECHNOLOGISTS AND THE
IDENTIFICATION OF AID-PACKAGES AND REQUIREMENTS; WELCOMING
THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT BOTH THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THE THIRD SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AS NOW INFORMED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ON THE NEED TO PROVIDE
"THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE SUPPORTED THROUGH BILATERAL
PROGRAMMES OR CONTRIBUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO THE FAO
SEED INDUSTRY PROGRAMME IN AN AMOUNT OF A LEAST US DOLLARS
20 MILLION"; CONSIDERING THAT THE ADDITION OF SUCH A VOLUME
OF RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEED PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY
PROJECTS INCLUDING SEED RESERVES, AIMED AT HAVING A VISIBLE
IMPACT AT VILLAGE LEVEL, WOULD COVER AN ADDITIONAL 20-25
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MOSTLY LEAST DEVELOPED (LDS) AND MOST
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SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES (MSAS) AND THEREBY WOULD PERMIT
SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSANDS OF SMALL FARMERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
TO BENEFIT MORE RAPIDLY FROM THE CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN CROP RESEARCH AND PLANT BREEDING;

1. REQUESTS DONOR COUNTRIES TO ENLARGE SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO SEED IMPROVEMENT IN THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE SEED
IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF FAO IN THIS FIELD;
2. APPEALS TO MEMBER NATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FAO
SEED IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN AN AMOUNT OF AT
LEAST US DOLLARS 20 MILLION AND APPEALS ALSO TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMME;
3. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PREPARATIONS
FOR ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROJECTS WITHIN NATIONAL SEED PROGRAMMES;
4. REQUESTS MEMBER NATIONS TO TAKE FURTHER ACTIVE STEPS
IN INTRODUCING POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR THE PRODUCTION,
STORAGE, QUALITY CONTROL, DISTRIBUTION, MARKETING, PROMOTION

AND TRAINING OF FARMERS IN THE UTILIZATION OF QUALITY SEEDS,
WHICH COULD BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME;

5. CALLS UPON THE COUNCIL, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
TO KEEP PROGRESS UNDER REVIEW. END QUOTE.GARDNER

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